

# INVITATION

to



## Longmont Area Democrats Annual Members Meeting

Holiday Pot Luck Social and Business Meeting  
Open to Current and Prospective Members

on

Saturday, December 8, 2018

11am to 2pm

at

Front Range Community College (FRCC)

2121 Miller Drive, Longmont, CO 80501

Classroom Building (east side of Miller Drive,

enter from parking lot through **door C6** — this is a DIFFERENT door than usual.

There is a ceremony going on in the cafeteria that we would like foot traffic to avoid, thanks!)

Community Room



**PLEASE NOTE: Members who are active (having paid dues for 2018), and members who pay dues at the December 8, 2018 meeting will have voting privileges (Dues are \$25/year).**

Non-dues-paying members are welcome to attend, but will not have voting privileges in electing officers for 2019.

**Your support of our work, along with the work of our partners goes a long way toward creating and maintaining an informed and actively engaged progressive community!**

**We look forward to seeing you at the annual Longmont Area Democrats Members Meeting to be held Sat, Dec 8, 2018, at FRCC, 11 am to 2 pm.** This is a pot luck social and business meeting, where we'll elect officers for 2019, approve a minor language change in the purpose paragraph of the bylaws, review and approve the actions of the Officers since the previous annual meeting, and pay dues for 2019.

— Marilyn Hughes, LAD President, and Virginia Gebhart, LAD Vice President, 11/16/2018

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## WELCOME to LONGMONT AREA DEMOCRATS (LAD)!

**2018 was another challenging year, but we maintained our focus on what would become the groundbreaking Midterm Election of 2018.** In solidarity with The Resistance, **LAD continued to be active locally:** networking with other activist groups in Longmont, with marches, rallies, booth events and volunteer opportunities. **At our state capitol:** through our efforts with CLEAN (Community Legislative Early Action Network). **All across the country:** petitioning our Members of Congress to listen to us, their constituents, as they consider far reaching legislation that affects our lives in profound ways.

**LAD has been around since 2003.** This year, every monthly meeting provided information that empowered the voting public to elect Democrats in November, whether it was guiding them through our county's caucus and assembly process, or holding essential and informative candidate meet and greets throughout the primary process. We also informed Longmont's Ward I about their special election in February to fill a city council seat.

### Here's what we did in 2018:

**JANUARY:** Our first candidate meet and greet / Q&A of the year showcased 14 candidates for Longmont City Council, Governor, Boulder County Commissioner, Clerk and Assessor.

**FEBRUARY:** "Caucus 101" was heavily attended as it is every election year. We also hosted our second meet and greet / Q&A with 10 candidates for Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, CU Regent and the county offices of Clerk, Commissioner and Treasurer.

**MARCH:** A powerful panel discussion, "Being True Allies" with local immigrant rights activists, legislators and beloved members of our immigrant community bravely sharing their real stories. We also had a State Legislative Update, and an overview of Caucus, which occurred the previous evening.

**APRIL:** We hosted our third meet and greet / Q&A with candidates for CD4, Boulder County District Attorney, State Representative (HD12), and Boulder County Clerk. We also presented 2 action items: a postcard project to Senators Bennet and Gardner in support of the Every Person Counts Act, and from CLEAN — upcoming bills to track in our state legislature.

**MAY:** "Voting for Our Lives: Ending Gun Violence", with Tom Sullivan, HD37 candidate, whose son was killed at the Aurora Theater Shooting, "The History of El Comité", which originated with the police shooting of 2 Latino men in 1980, and a presentation by a local high school gun safety activist. We also had an update on Northwest Rail from RTD and City Council. LAD hosted a booth at Longmont's Cinco de Mayo.

**JUNE:** We had a state legislative wrap-up from our elected rep's and a surprise visit from Jared Polis, then candidate for Governor. We prepared attendees for a busy "petition summer", went over important ballot issues and informed attendees as to what their June 26 primary ballot would look like. LAD had a booth at Longmont Pride.

**JULY:** A busy summer included LAD hosting a Farmer's Market booth, co-hosting the Demand Democracy Confront Corruption Vigil, informing members of rallies and action against Kavanaugh, .

**AUGUST:** As we do every year, members and fellow activists marched in Longmont's BoCo Fair parade. We hosted our annual summer picnic at Ollin Farms, with many guests, elected officials and candidates in attendance.

**SEPTEMBER:** The "School Mental Health Toolkit", from Andrew Romanoff, of Mental Health Colorado. We also went over the ballot measures as they would appear on the November ballot.

**OCTOBER:** We previewed the BCDP Voter Guide, went over the November ballot, outlining candidates, ballot measures, and heard from more candidates for CD4, Attorney General, and state representative seats, and County office candidates for Commissioner, Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff, Surveyor and Assessor.

**NOVEMBER:** Several LAD board members are precinct leaders and area coordinators. We were busy turning out the vote — Boulder County boasted 85.2 % turnout!

### ...and throughout the year:

**The Community Legislative Early Action Network (CLEAN),** led by Marilyn Hughes, worked with our local elected representatives throughout the legislative session to engage deeply in the legislative process and reach out to progressives across the state to urge them to do likewise. (CLEAN was formed in 2015)

**Through our social media presence,** we have informed with our email blasts, answered questions, updated folks on breaking news and provided an anchor of resources and information at [longmontdems.org](http://longmontdems.org)

**Membership:** Your \$25 per year covers room rental at FRCC and other venues, booth space fees at the Farmers Market and various festivals, internet and Mail Chimp fees, marketing materials and expenses, expenses for the annual picnic. LAD also donates to the following local organizations: Hispanic Education Foundation, Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition, Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care, BoCoDems Truman Dinner scholarships, Latino Chamber Festival. **WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT TO KEEP UP OUR GOOD WORK!**